of the following four banks for arranging a loan of Japanese Yen 20 billion:-

(i) BA Asia Limited Honkong.

(ii) IBJ Asia Limited Hongkong.

(iii) Societe Generale Asia Limited, Honkong; and

(iv) Union Bank of Switzerland, Honkong.

(c) The above loan is being arranged to refinance the following earlier loans -

(i) Syndicated loan of Japanese Yen 10 billion drawn in August, 1989.

(ii) Suppliers Credit of Japanese Yes 15912.126 million drawn in Nov., 1993 (present outstanding amount is 11934.09 million).

ONGC propose to replace their earlier loans through fresh unguaranteed loans to save on interest and guaranteed charges.

Power Supply to Gujarat

1634. SHRI SANAT MEHTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the cost of power generation per unit by Atomic Power Stations of Tarapur and Kakrapar and at what rate same is supplied to Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : The unit Energy Cost of electricity from Tarapur Atomic Power Station is 63.31 paise/Kwh and from Kakrapar Atomic Power Station is 217.54 paise/Kwh as of June, 1996. The Gujarat State Electricity Board is also charged the same rates for supply of power from these power stations.

[Translation]

Fire Incident

1635. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of fire incidents in several petroleum/oil depots in the National Capital Territory of Delhi have taken place during the last three years;

(b) if so, the depot-wise details of the same for the last three years, till date;

(c) the total financial loss as a result thereof and the steps taken by the Government to stop the recurence of such incidents causing the loss of life and property;

(d) whether any cummittee was set up to look into the same; and

(e) if so, the details of the conclusions submitted by the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e). There were two fire incidents in the oil installations in the National Capital Territory of Delhi during the last three years. There was a small fire at 10.00 hrs. on 23-12-1995 in the electric panel in the switch room of the IOC's Railway Siding at Shakurbasti. The fire was extinguished immediately by the IOC employees. There was no financial loss. The Chief Terminal Manager who investigated the incident concluded that the fire was caused by short circuit.

The second fire incident took place at around 07.27 hrs. on 30-5-96 at the tank wagon gantry at the IOC's LPG Bottlig Plant at Tikrikalan. The fire was controlled within four minutes by the IOC employee on duty. There was no loss of life. One employees suffered 30% burn injuries and four others suffered minor injuries. The loss of property was worth Rs.8000/-.

[English]

Smuggling of Petroleum Products

1636. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether cases of smuggling of petroleum Products from Mahe in Union Territory of Pondicherry have been reported to the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof with preventive measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir. No cases of smuggling of petroleum products from Made in the Union Territory of Pondicherry have been reported to the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

LPG Gas Connection

1637. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of persons on the waiting list for LPG gas connection in Bareilly (U.P) and the time by which the waiting list is proposed to be cleared; and

(b) the year for which the persons on the waiting list are being given connection at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b). As on 1.4.1996, 39602 applicants from Bareilly (U.P.) were in the waiting list of distributors of Public Sector Oil Companies for LPG gas connection.

Efforts are constantly on to release LPG connections to as many applicants as early as possible. Plans have been drawn for higher availability of LPG by increasing the capacity of existing production sources, putting up new plants and augmenting supply through higher imports. New import facilities for LPG are under